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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

My name is Bill Snoddy and I am here to speak in support of HB456.

When sex education was being debated in front of the Helena School Board there was extensive national news coverage of the debate. I frequently heard reporters say they could not provide details about the sex education curriculum because it was too explicit for television news. If any subject is too explicit to be presented in the news I certainly don't want children to be taught it in school without the express permission of their parents.

In our world of technology parental controls exist on televisions and computers that allows a parent, or in my case grandparent, to control a child's access to material judged to be unsuitable or inappropriate. Movies and video games have ratings that allow parents to judge the content and decide if it is acceptable for their children to see or use. I believe that parents should have the same control over their child's sexual education. By passing this bill you will give parent's this control.

I strongly urge you to vote do pass on HB 456.

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